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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David C. Ward et al.
Serial No. : 130,070
Filed : December 8, 1987
For : MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS
OF PREPARING AND USING SAME

New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 AND 1.97

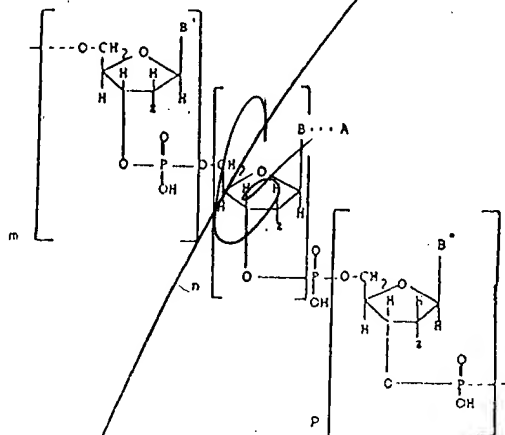
Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

125. (Twice Amended) A method of determining the presence or absence of a target in a sample which comprises contacting said sample with at least one compound having the structure:



wherein each of B, B' and B'' represents a purine, deazapurine, or pyrimidine moiety covalently bonded to the C^{1'}-position of

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